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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to make Indian ports deep enough to receive "SUEZMAX" vessels with oil load;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the ports in India which can receive "SUEZMAX" size ships with a full load without any difficulty;

(d) whether there is any plan to make all the ports on the East Coast deep enough to receive such large ships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b) It is the endeavour of the Government to improve the draught in the major ports with a view to receiving large size ships, keeping in view the availability of resources and the traffic profile. The ports at Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Vadinar which is an offshore oil terminal of Kandla Port can handle "SUEZMAX" vessels with oil load.

(c) The ports at Chennai and Visakhapatnam can receive "SUEZMAX" size ships with a full load without any difficulty. In addition, Vadinar area of Kandla Port can handle "SUEZMAX" tankers without any difficulty.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.